

# STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

## Agenda Consideration

**TOPIC:** Northeast Middle School/Overcrowding  
Remediation Option

**ITEM NO:** 10A

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**MEETING:** March 9, 2004  
**ACTION DATE:** To be determined

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**ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT:** That the Board consider northeast middle school remediation options in an effort to reduce overcrowding at Stafford Middle School for the 2004-05 and 2005-06 school years and provide direction to staff.

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### KEY POINTS:

- ◆ The new northeast middle school scheduled to open in the fall of 2005 has been postponed one year until the fall of 2006.
- ◆ The projected enrollment of Stafford Middle School for the 2004-05 school year is 1,237; 2005-06 is 1,309.
- ◆ The student capacity of Stafford Middle School is 1,100 students.
- ◆ A committee comprised of the following met to consider options to relieve the overcrowding at Stafford Middle School:
  - ❖ Peter J. Vernimb, Executive Director of Curriculum Development
  - ❖ Steve Butters, Principal, Stafford Middle School
  - ❖ Cindy Holder, Principal, Brooke Point High School
  - ❖ John David Bondurant, Supervisor of Planning & GIS
  - ❖ Steve Trant, Executive Director of Human Resources
  - ❖ Andrea Bengier, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Technology & Informational Services
  - ❖ Sue Clark, Director of Special Programs
  - ❖ Larry Himes, Director of Pupil Transportation
  - ❖ Chapman Slye, Director of School Nutrition
  - ❖ Andre' A. Nougaret, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services
- ◆ Subsequent to initial committee deliberations William Boatwright, Principal, A. G. Wright Middle School, and Mary Grace McGraw, Principal, H. H. Poole Middle School, were included in the consideration process.
- ◆ Primary remediation options considered in order of preference include:
  1. Send Stafford Middle School students located west of Interstate 95 (APU 150) to A. G. Wright Middle School (approximately 165 students) for the 2004-05 and 2005-06 school years. Rising 8<sup>th</sup> grade students would be given the option

of remaining at Stafford Middle School (transportation not provided) for the 2004-05 school year. Students located west of Interstate 95 would attend the new northeast middle school commencing the 2006-07 school year.

1A. Send Stafford Middle School students located west of Interstate 95 (APU 150) to:

- H. H. Poole Middle School
- A. G. Wright Middle School

for the 2004-05 and 2005-06 school years.

2. Hold rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders at Moncure Elementary School who would attend Stafford Middle School for the 2005-06 school year and possibly the 2004-05 school year as well (approximately 115 students each year).
3. Relocate rising 8<sup>th</sup> grade Stafford Middle School students to Brooke Point High School for the 2005-06 school year. (No fewer than 125 students. Space made available due to 2005-06 redistricting of high school students.)
4. Add relocatables at Stafford Middle School (approximate rental costs for 8 classrooms for 1 year [2005-06] is \$275,000.00).

◆ **Option 1/1A.** offers significant advantages:

1. Reduction of approximately 165 students at Stafford Middle School for both the 2004-05 and 2005-06 school years.
2. Increased projected enrollments at A. G. Wright Middle School, and possibly H. H. Poole Middle School, for 2004-05 and 2005-06 school years can be accommodated effectively.
3. Maintains the integrity of all aspects of the middle school experience.
4. Maintains the integrity of Special Education programming.
5. Provides efficient and cost effective transportation.
6. Will not impact the attendance zone of any middle school other than Stafford, A. G. Wright, and possibly H. H. Poole.
7. Least disruptive option.

◆ **Options 2, 3 and 4** offer significant impediments to successful implementation. They include:

1. Middle athletic/extracurricular opportunities would be difficult to implement.
2. Middle student populations could not be segregated at elementary or high school level ... for academics as well as lunch.
3. Divergent elementary/middle or middle/high daily schedules would be difficult to implement.
4. Additional transportation costs.
5. Additional administrative assistance may be required at elementary or high school.
6. Location of existing Special Education Program(s) may be subject to change.
7. Infrastructure at Stafford Middle School will have difficulty accommodating the addition of relocatables. (Particularly cafeteria, gym and hallways).

◆ See appendix attached:

1. Projected 2004-05 and 2005-06 Student Enrollments – A. G. Wright Middle school, H. H. Poole Middle School and Stafford Middle School
2. Subdivisions Affected by Redistricting



**SCHOOL BOARD GOAL:**

Goal 4: Address the impact of continuing population growth by developing plans to address expanding staff, facilities, transportation, attendance zones, and instruction.

Goal 5: Provide facilities that promote student learning and community support.

**FUNDING SOURCE: N/A**

**AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE: N/A**

# Proposed 2004 Rezoning of APU 150 from Stafford Middle to A.G. Wright Middle

		<u>School</u>	<u>Projected Enrollment</u>			<u>Total</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Exceeds Capacity</u>
			<u>6th Grade</u>	<u>7th Grade</u>	<u>8th Grade</u>			
PRIOR TO REZONING	2003-2004	Stafford Middle	401	373	405	1179	1100	79
		A.G. Wright Middle	240	243	277	760	820	-60
APU 150	2004-2005		60	58	46	165		
AFTER REZONING	2004-2005	Stafford Middle	347	365	361	1073	1100	-27
		A.G. Wright Middle	309	301	302	912	820	92
AFTER REZONING	2005-2006	Stafford Middle	370	390	384	1144	1100	44
		A.G. Wright Middle	315	307	307	928	820	108

Current membership as of 3/1/04  
Projections based on 11/04 membership

**Proposed 2004 Rezoning of APU 150 (subdivisions from Docstone west) from Stafford Middle to H.H. Poole Middle  
and Rezoning of APU 150 (subdivisions from Docstone east) to A.G. Wright Middle**

		Projected Enrollment						
		<u>School</u>	<u>6th Grade</u>	<u>7th Grade</u>	<u>8th Grade</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Exceeds Capacity</u>
PRIOR TO REZONING	2003-2004	Stafford Middle	401	373	405	1179	1100	79
		H.H. Poole Middle	324	351	373	1048	1100	-52
		A.G. Wright Middle	240	243	277	760	820	-60
APU 150 to H.H. Poole Middle	2004-2005		9	18	17	45		
APU 150 NON-SUB STREETS COLONIAL GARDENS DOCSTONE WOODS PERRY FARMS SMITH LAKE LANDING								
APU 150 to A.G. Wright Middle	2004-2005		51	40	29	120		
FOXWOOD VILLAGE MHP STAFFORDBOROUGH SUNNINGDALE MEADOWS SUNNINGDALE MEADOWS								
AFTER REZONING	2004-2005	Stafford Middle	347	365	361	1073	1100	-27
		H.H. Poole Middle	385	349	367	1101	1100	1
		A.G. Wright Middle	300	283	284	867	820	47
AFTER REZONING	2005-2006	Stafford Middle	370	390	384	1144	1100	44
		H.H. Poole Middle	388	352	370	1110	1100	10
		A.G. Wright Middle	305	288	290	884	820	64

Current membership as of 3/1/04

Projections based on 11/04 membership